

Al-Anon Family Groups Area 9 – Florida North

Talk to Each Other, Reason Things Out, Keep it Simple

Area 9 Quarterly Appeal Letter
To Individual Members in your Group

December 2022

Dear Members of Area 9,

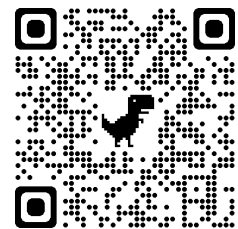
I hope this letter finds you, your Groups, and all of your other family members well. This is my second and final appeal this year, and I hope you will share it with your Members. This year has brought many new and exciting events to Area 9. We returned to in-person Area meetings for the first time since February 2020. Our Convention Committee also hosted the first-ever Area Convention supported by all of the Districts within Area 9. It was an amazing weekend of recovery, and yet another example of how, in Al-Anon Service, you never have to do anything alone.

If you or your Group Representative were able to attend one of our Area meetings, I hope you all appreciated the meetings' value, strengthening the Links of Service and spreading the message within North Florida. Our Area World Service Committee (AWSC) and Assemblies are vital to our Area's continued health. We now have a better understanding of the costs those events now require to hold them in a safe and healthy environment.

During the October Assembly, I shared an estimate of how much each active Group within Area 9 could contribute to fund our budget fully. This is similar to the number the WSO provides to all Groups. The most up-to-date All Groups list shows there are 323 Active Groups in Area 9. If we divide the total expenses of \$105,000 by those 323 Groups, it comes to \$325. If each Group contributes \$325, the budget will be fully funded. Note, that includes any and all contributions to the Area, such as paying for registration for your GR to attend Assembly, contributing a raffle basket, or getting as many Members as possible to attend the Area Convention, in addition to direct contributions.

I know this may be far more than many Groups can afford - it would be a challenge for my own home group. I share this to honor our spiritual principle of transparency, not to spread fear. However, based on our expenses and income this year, we most likely will need to transfer more funds from our Area Reserve to our Area Operating Account in 2023. The officers and I do not take such transfers lightly. Doing so should allow us to meet our contractual obligations and other commitments in the 2022 Budget. However, if you or your Group are able to respond to this Appeal letter with a contribution, it will help us minimize transfers from the Reserve. If you have the means, please contribute.

For more information, visit our Area website at www.afgarea9.org. Contributions can be submitted by mail to the address below, online by scanning the QR Code to the right with a smartphone, or by visiting www.afgarea9.org/contributions.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Faulkner'.

Mark Faulkner
Treasurer
AFG Area 9 Panel 61

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